

# ARKANSAS

## BROILER HATCHERY



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### ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

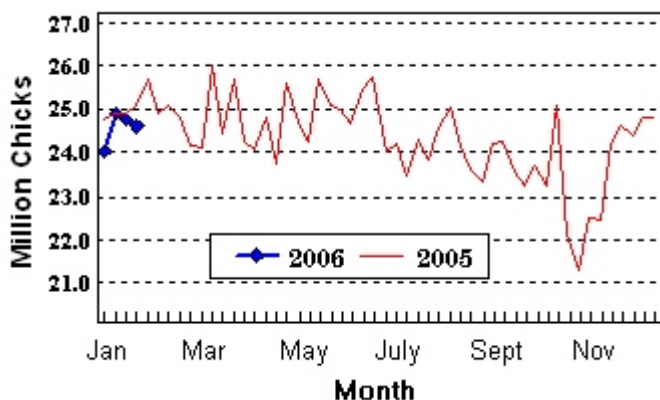
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending January 28, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.1 million, down slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

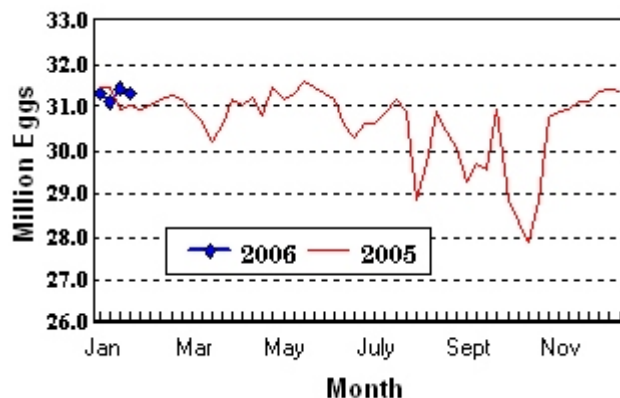
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 28, 2006, up 1 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 24	25,011	24,802	99	25,575	25,858	101	31,169	31,406	101
Dec. 31	24,256	24,817	102	25,355	25,857	102	31,195	31,393	101
Jan. 7	24,740	24,022	97	25,457	25,956	102	31,479	31,308	99
Jan. 14	24,886	24,910	100	25,873	25,940	100	31,506	31,120	99
Jan. 21	24,907	24,773	99	25,852	26,029	101	30,971	31,443	102
Jan. 28	25,119	24,595	98	26,145	26,054	100	31,023	31,327	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2005-2006



EGGS SET, 2005 - 2006



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2006**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending					Week Ending						
	07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	%1/	24-Dec	31-Dec	07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	%1/
Alabama	31,486	31,689	31,526	30,946	102	21,411	21,114	21,682	20,882	20,990	21,440	103
ARKANSAS	31,308	31,120 *	31,443 *	31,327	101	24,802	24,817	24,022 *	24,910 *	24,773 *	24,595	98
Delaware	3,945	3,970	3,781	3,814	98	5,460	5,545	6,131	5,909	5,365	6,245	118
Florida	1,354 *	1,343	1,349	1,344	98	1,495	1,457	1,587	1,526	1,429	1,500	92
Georgia	34,046	34,046	35,051	34,410	102	27,293	26,660	27,421	27,421	27,998	27,040	101
Kentucky	7,041	7,266	7,466	7,296	106	5,771	5,529	6,238	5,754	5,682 *	5,774	94
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,135	4,136	104	4,252	3,563	4,140	3,733	3,843	3,936	98
Maryland	8,873	8,933	8,942	8,912	104	5,424	5,565	4,901	5,354	5,632	4,931	118
Mississippi	18,597	18,583	18,704	18,447	93	16,668	16,663	16,528	16,645	16,502	16,511	94
N. Carolina	18,716 *	17,949	18,214	18,140	99	15,407	15,061	15,434	14,915	15,715	15,465	107
Oklahoma	6,557	6,565	6,690 *	6,675	103	5,071	5,165	5,398	4,784	5,262	5,447	114
Pennsylvania	3,729	3,915	3,945 *	3,794	95	2,771	3,087	2,857	2,873	2,893 *	2,885	99
S. Carolina	5,239	5,202	5,250	5,367	108	4,732	4,708	4,178 *	4,752	4,001	4,390	114
Texas	15,125	15,132	15,014	15,203	100	12,796	12,924	12,739	12,828	12,803	12,935	102
Virginia	6,418	6,437	6,385	6,156	94	6,082	5,160	5,418	4,785	5,213	4,990	87
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,129 *	17,072	17,458	17,157	98	15,687	16,464	16,492	16,059	16,212	16,337	107
Total 2005	213,699 *	213,358 *	215,353 *	213,124		175,122	173,482	175,166 *	173,130 *	174,313 *	174,421	
Total 2004	210,232	209,544	211,673	212,630		171,547	172,249	173,466	173,733	172,679	171,340	
%of Prev. Year	102	102	102	100		102	101	101	100	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 28, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 28, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 28, 2006 were 697 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.